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Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed February 6, 2003, in the above-identified application. This Amendment is being submitted with a two-month extension of time until July 6, 2003.

**AMENDMENTS**

Please amend the application as follows:

**In the Claims**

Please cancel claims 26 and 27.

Please amend claim 21 as follows:

21. (Amended) A veneer assembly comprising:

- a) a first piece of veneer;
- b) a second piece of veneer adjacent said first piece of veneer; and
- c) a veneer tape bonded to said first piece of veneer and to said second piece

of veneer, wherein said tape includes: